Pact or any other general Amnesty Orders are considered eligible for pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme provided they had undergone actual imprisonment for a period of at least 5 months. No separate record of such persons who have been sanctioned Centra] pensions under this relaxation has been maintained. The State Governments have their own schemes of pensions for freedom fighters with relaxed criteria of eligibility and the Central Government do not go by such criteria in deciding eligibility for pension under its scheme.

**Association of voluntary agencies for redressal of public grievances**

1886. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a scheme for associating voluntary agencies for redressal of public grievances in the interest of improving the quality of administration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner the voluntary associations will be associated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A proposal to involve voluntary agencies in the redress of public grievances has been mooted recognising that voluntary agencies can act as protagonists of reform to guide and educate the people and to advise Government on reforms, particularly at points of citizen-administration interface. Ministries have been requested to identify voluntary agencies with whom they wouldi *like to* interact, so that the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances can provide a forum, where the ministries and voluntary agencies can come together and suggest measures for reforms. The process of identification of voluntary agencies has begun.

**Pollution due to chemical factories in Faridabad**

1887. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA;
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND-RAKANT BHANDARE-
SHRI P. N. SUKUL;
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA;
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether chemical factories it Faridabad are continuously emitting toxic gases; and

(b) what is the extent of damage causec to electric, water and sewage installation: by tlie chlorine and acidic effluents emit ted by these factories in Sector 24 li Faridabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH1 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ANI FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI); (a According to the Haryana State Boar for Prevention and Control of Pollutic 7 chemicals factories in Faridabad wet identified as emitting toxic gases. Legal ac tion was initiated against these factorif and these have been closed from Decei ber, 1984.

(b) No damage to these Installation h; been reported after the closure of the! Units.

**Court cases against management CMERI Durgapur**

1888. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM;
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA.-

Will the PRIME MINISTER, be pleas, to state;

(a) whether a court case against t management of CMERI (Durgapur) in t Bombay High Court by one. of its scl< tists of MERADO, Pune Centre pendii